

Applicants: Mark McCormick, *et al.*
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace FIG. 1 of the Drawings of the application with the attached replacement sheet.

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REMARKS

In a non-final Office Action dated December 31, 2007, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' October 5, 2007 reply failed to respond to the objection to the Specification.

Applicants respond to the Examiner's objection below. In view of the replacement sheet noted above and the remarks presented herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely notice of allowance be issued in this case.

Objection to the Specification

The Examiner objected to the Specification, alleging that it described FIG. 1 as the chemical structure for 5'-Biotin Phosphoramidite [1-N-4,4'-Dimethoxytrityl)-biotinyl-6-aminoethyl]-2-cyanoethyl-(N,N-diisopropyl)-phosphoramidite, but that FIG. 1 itself only shows two circles consisting of a series of dots. Applicants provide a replacement sheet for FIG. 1 that shows the structure of 5'-Biotin Phosphoramidite [1-N-4,4'-Dimethoxytrityl)-biotinyl-6-aminoethyl]-2-cyanoethyl-(N,N-diisopropyl)-phosphoramidite. Support for this amendment is located in paragraph [00013] of the application. No new matter is introduced in FIG. 1, as it represents the chemical structure of the compound described in the text.

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Fees

No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, if a fee is due, in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. Likewise, no extension of time is believed due, but should any extension be required in this or any subsequent response, please consider this to be a petition for the appropriate extension of time and a request to charge the petition fee due to the same Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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